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Amendments To The Drawings:

None.

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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **November 12, 2004**. Applicant gratefully notes the allowance of claims 2-4 and 10. Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 17 and 18 were rejected for the first time as anticipated by Windedahl US 4628892, which was of record but not applied in the last office action. Claims 5, 7, and 12-16 were rejected for the first time as obvious over the same reference, Windedahl.

Since applicant narrowed claim 1 in response to the last office action, and Windedahl was already of record, **but not applied**, applicant does not believe that its amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Applicant does not believe that this office action is properly a final office action, and requests that its finality be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to require that the vibration and noise suppressor support be attached to an end of a limb of the archery bow. This is believed to distinguish over Windedahl, which teaches that the silencer is attached "to a respective adjacent limb at a point intermediate the ends of the limb" (Col. 1, lines 65-66)(emphasis added).

Claims 1, 5-9, and 11-18, as amended are believed to distinguish over Windedahl. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1, 5-9, and 11-18 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of unallowed claims 1, 5-9, and 11-18 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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